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1. The LEK Pharmaceutical and Research Plant is the largest of its kind in the Balkans. Its main office is in Ljubljana at No. 5 Cigaletova Street; telephone 27-28. The plant consists of the following factories and departments:
  - a. Institute of pharmaceutical research at No. 1 Stossmayerjeva, Ljubljana, telephone 34-08.
  - b. Storehouse and shipping department in Ljubljana at No. 26 Zibertova Street; telephone 23-92.
  - c. Production of medical tablets in Ljubljana at No. 135 Celovska Street; telephone 27-19.
  - d. Branch factory and bacteriological research laboratory in Menges (province of Gorenjska); telephone 4.
  - e. Branch factory at Krastnik; telephone 2 (previously the Hrastnik Chemical factory.)
2. The LEK plant employs about eight hundred workers, of whom sixty percent are chemists.
3. The following are produced by LEK:

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✓ Aspirin	✓ Caffeine
✓ Anacyd	✓ Animal charcoal
✓ Anacot	✓ Calcium chlorate
✓ Bellalunal	✓ Cotarmine
✓ Belafolin	✓ Luxal
✓ Cincofein	✓ Luminal
✓ Dextrin	✓ Morphine
✓ Ephedrine	✓ Sodium Salicylate
✓ Ferro	✓ Opipasmin
✓ Formicont	✓ Purgol
✓ Girodal	✓ Papaverine
✓ Hexametrin	✓ Panopin
✓ Codein	✓ Pyramidon
	✓ Santonin

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Comment: Many of the substances mentioned in the above list, e.g. "luxol" and "purgol", appear to be commercial products with trade names. They are not listed in Hack's Chemical Dictionary, 3rd edition, 1946 printing. The same observation holds for items listed below.)

At present the plant is short of sulphamids and saccharin, since shipments from Czechoslovakia and the USSR have been considerably reduced, and UNRRA stocks have long been exhausted.

Products for hypodermic injections:

Distilled water  
Redestilata  
Atropine  
Ammonium chlorate  
Calcium chlorate  
Hexametrin  
Morphine  
Sodium salicylate  
Ephedrine  
Citric acid  
Calcium chloride  
Natriumglucorycum

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Comment: probably sodium glycerophosphate)  
or sodium gluconate

Syrups:

Efetusin  
Jecocytrol  
Tonikum-gumpro  
Laxal  
Pertusan  
Creosol

Disinfectants:

✓Lusol  
Creolin  
Formalin

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(Comment: a formaldehyde solution)

Narcotics:

Sulphur ether  
Ether  
Chloroform

The LEK plant in Hrastnik produces the following products exclusively:

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Codeine phosphate  
Codeine hydrochloride  
✓Cotarmin (Comment: perhaps cotarnine)

4. The factory in Menges, which is the largest of the LEK branches, employs a German scientist, Dr. Koch, who is in full charge of pharmaceutical drugs produced in this plant. In addition, Dr. Koch works in the bacteriological research laboratory. At present he is experimenting in the following fields:

- a. Cultivation of belladonna on large plantations.
- b. Production of penicillin on a large scale, in collaboration with unspecified Czechoslovak scientists.
- c. Growth of bacteria and virus for bacteriological warfare.

Dr. Koch receives a salary of 15,000 dinars per month and is in complete control in the factory; however, he is confined to the plant grounds and is watched very closely.

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5. LEK personnel:

**Managing Director:** Henrik Repic, chemical engineer, born 1911 in Ljubljana and resident there at No. 47a Tyrseva Street; son of a sculptor, Prof. Repic, and a Viennese mother, he completed chemical studies at the University of Ljubljana and also studied music at the Ljubljana Conservatory. During his high school days, he belonged to the SOKOL organization and sympathized with left-wing leaders Lubej and Rus. An older brother, Viktor Repic, is now the Slovene Minister of Commerce; a younger sister, Ivanka Reac, is a school teacher. Although the Repic family was known to be liberal and nationalistic, Henrik Repic as well as his sister and brother joined the Communist Party in 1939; Henrik and Viktor Repic joined the Tito partisans in 1942.

**Technical Manager of Menges Plant:** Skofic, Engineer Marjan, a trusted member of the Slovene Communist Party.

**Technical Manager of Ljubljana Research Section:** Leban, Dr. Bruno, lives at Rozna Dolina, Ljubljana.

**Personnel Director:** Stok, Rozica, a confirmed Communist, hated by his employees, lives on Zrinjskega Street, Ljubljana.

**President of LEK Workers Union:** Celic, Bogdan, long-time Communist.

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